

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Reply Brief

Examiner acknowledges the reply filed 12/05/2007 in which Appellant responds to the Examiner's Answer filed 10/05/2007.

Appellant discloses several times that the support for the pending rejections was never present prior to the Examiner's answer. These statements made by the previous Examiner were in response to the arguments made in the appeal brief filed 06/21/2007. Additionally the support for the motivation statements given in the Examiner's answer were present in the final office action issued 01/09/2007.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher D. Koharski whose telephone number is 571-272-7230. The examiner can normally be reached on 5:30am to 2:00pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Lucchesi can be reached on 571-272-4977. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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